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REMARKS

Responding to a March 3, 2005 Office Action, and by the present response, the specification, including the "Abstract of the Invention", and Claims 1, 11, 14, 15, 17, 35 through 39, 43 through 49, 51, 54, 55, 59, 60, 61 and 64 through 66 have been amended. Moreover, Claims 67 through 75 have been added and an additional filing fee is enclosed. The allowance of Claim 1 through 59 and the allowability of Claims 60 through 66 has been noted in the Action. No new matter has been added by the present response. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The specification and the "Abstract of the Invention" have been amended to correct inadvertent errors therein and to place the specification in a preferred form. Again, no new matter has been added by the present response.

As mentioned, pending Claims 1 through 59 have been allowed. The amendments proffered to Claims 1, 11, 14, 15, 17, 35 through 39, 43, 45 through 49, 51, 54, 55, 59 by the present response are intended solely to place the claims in a preferred form. The amendments to pending Claims 1, 11, 14, 15, 17, 35 through 39, 43, 45 through 49, 51, 54, 55, 59 are not proffered to define or differentiate the present invention over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits the amendments to pending Claims 1, 11, 14, 15, 17, 35 through 39, 43, 45 through 49, 51, 54, 55, 59 should not be interpreted or construed, directly or indirectly, to limit or otherwise restrict the scope of those claims.

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In the Action, Claim 44 was objected to for lacking appropriate punctuation. More specifically, a period (.) was inadvertently missing from the end of pending Claim 44. By the present response, Claim 44 has been amended to add the appropriate punctuation, *i.e.*, a period (.) thereto. Accordingly, reconsideration and removal of the objection to Claim 44 is respectfully requested.

In the Action, pending and independent Claims 60 through 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112(2) as being indefinite. By the present response, pending and independent Claims 60 and 64 have been amended to delete the phrase “or the like” following the word “bucket” thereby removing any “indefiniteness” from Claims 60 and 64. Accordingly, reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claims 60 and 64 under 35 U.S.C. §112(2) is respectfully requested.

Pending Claims 61 through 63 depend from and further define the invention set forth in pending Claim 60. Similarly, Claims 65 and 66 depend from and further define the invention set forth in Claim 64. In view of the above-mentioned amendments placing Claims 60 and 64 in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully submits Claims 60 through 66 are all in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, a favorable reconsideration of this application and early passing of this patent application to issuance is respectfully solicited. Should the patent Examiner desire to

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speak with Applicants' attorneys, they may be reached at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted;



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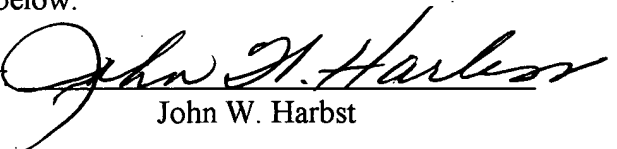
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